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Woodward Wins Journalism Award

Coverage of Secrecy in U.S. Foreign Policy Is Honored

From news services

Bob Woodward of The Washington Post won the Worth Bingham Memorial Award yesterday for his coverage of secrecy and covert action in U.S. foreign policy. The award, which carries a \$2,000 prize, was presented at the White House Correspondents' Association annual dinner.

Bob Adams of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch won first place in the Raymond Clapper Memorial Awards, with a prize of \$2,000, for his coverage of U.S. policy in Central America. Thomas Moore and Michael York of Knight-Ridder Newspapers took second place, with a prize of \$500, for a story on open-heart surgery.

W. Dale Nelson, a reporter for The Associated Press, won the Aldo Beckman Memorial Award for a variety of stories written last year while covering the White House.

Owen Ullmann, a White House reporter for Knight-Ridder, won the Merriman Smith Memorial Award, with a prize of \$500, for writing under deadline pressure in covering the Reykjavik summit last year.

Woodward is the only person to win the Worth Bingham prize twice.

He and Carl Bernstein won in 1973 for their Watergate reporting.

This year's award was given for Woodward's coverage of U.S. covert operations against Libya, including his report last October that the Reagan administration had launched a secret campaign of deception designed to convince Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi that he was about to be attacked again by U.S. bombers and perhaps be ousted in a coup.

The prize is named for Robert Worth Bingham, a prize-winning journalist at the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times who died in a traffic accident in 1966.